



Luxembourg, 10 January 2020

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Meeting of the Working Group on Methodologies

17 December 2019, Luxembourg

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

The SCCS Chair welcomed the participants.

Two apologies were received, as well as from the SCHEER representative and from DG GROW.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 November were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on the website:

https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/minutes_wg_meetings_en

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

2. List of points discussed

A. Dossiers discussed in both WGs on Cosmetic Ingredients and Methodology

BPA in clothing – the Secretariat forwarded some results of a literature search that will be discussed the next day.

Endocrine Disruptors in cosmetics – the Secretariat informed about five mandates on endocrine disruptors in cosmetics coming from DG GROW early next year. The future tasks have been discussed as well as possible workload to be prioritised.

B. The follow-up of the SCCS Scientific Workshop on alternative methods

The Speakers revised their contribution according to the format and the content requested of the future Report foreseen for publication. The scientific journal "Toxicology" confirmed that the Report of the Workshop may be published.

The Chair of the WG will finalise the draft Report, together with the Secretariat, according to the last comments received. The Secretariat will send the final version to the members and the speakers for last checking before publication (deadline early January).

C. Presentations by external speakers (open session):

- Threshold of Toxicological Concern -TTC: a presentation was made by Cosmetics Europe of some case studies on some of the impurities and a hair dye assessed under the SCCS. A discussion took place. The message to the industry is that they should take care of safety of impurities as SCCS will check impurities in the future (with TTC approach).
- Read Across: an overview was made on what needs to be taken into account when performing read across for cosmetic ingredients and one or more case study that illustrated the "theory". How to use read across today and in the future (no animal studies → Next Generation Risk Assessment), the confidence in assessment, as well as some general reflections were discussed. The message to the industry is that SCCS will take into account all most advanced information in the next revision of the SCCS Notes of Guidance. They are interested to be kept informed about any progress made by the industry who should work on a framework. Finally, they are waiting for a safety file with a totally new compound.

3. Information from chairman/members/commission

- JRC informed that in the framework of the European Parliament Pilot Project that aims to promote the use of alternatives to animal testing in the EU through information sharing and education activities (parts of which are carried out by EURL ECVAM), a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the Three Rs has been organised in 2020 starting on 13 January and lasting for 5 weeks. It is tailored to secondary schools' teachers but anyone can register. The MOOC will provide ideas and examples on how to address the 3Rs in the classroom, develop students' critical thinking and understanding of science. Please, share this information and the link: <https://www.europeanschoolnetacademy.eu/courses/course-v1:3Rs+AnimalsInScience+2020/about>

5. Next meetings

24 January and 12 May 2020.